

# MUREX TRIBULUS.

VAR.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Animal* Limax.

*Testa* univalvis, spiralis, exasperata suturis membranaceis.

*Apertura* desinens in canalem integrum, rectum seu subascendentem.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 1213.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

MUREX TRIBULUS. M. testa ovata spinis setaceis trifariis, cauda elongata subulata recta similiter spinosa.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* 1214.

VAR. spinis longissimis.

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Quas genus *Murex* amplectitur numerosissimæ sunt species. His, ut plurimum, insignis est scabritie superficies, nunc in longas spinas excurrens, nunc in processus quosdam crispatos seu quasi foliatis. Testam de qua jam agitur rarissimam alit mare Indicum et Atlanticum. Variant specimina quoad colorem, nec non rostri et spinarum longitudinem.







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THE  
THORNY MUREX.

VAR.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Animal* allied to a Slug.

*Shell* univalve, spiral, roughened with membranaceous sutures.

*Aperture* ending in a strait or subascending channel.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Whitish MUREX, with a triple row of setaceous spines, and long beak with similar spines.

VAR. With extremely long spines.

The Thorny Woodcock.

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The genus Murex, of which the species are extremely numerous, is distinguished, in general, by a peculiar roughness of surface, which either runs out into long spines, or into processes more or less crisped or foliated. The very rare shell exhibited on the present plate is principally found in the Indian and American seas, and varies as to color and length of the beak and spines.